

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/943,353

USPQ 543 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *W.L. Gore & Assoc., Inc. v. Garlock, Inc.*, 220 U.S.P.Q. 303, 312-313 (Fed. Cir. 1983); and *Bausch & Lomb, Inc. v. Barnes-Hind/Hydrocurve, Inc.*, 796 F.2d 443, 230 USPQ 416 (Fed. Cir. 1986).

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits independent claims 1 and 7, as well as dependent claims 2-6 and 8-12, should be allowable because one of ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated to combine and modify the applied references to produce the claimed invention.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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